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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSET, DIV. C, ELLSWORTH, MARCH 17:

ALL WARDENS IN THIS DIVISION REPORT THAT DEER SEEM TO BE MOVING AROUND WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY, BUT NOW THAT THE SNOW IS SETTLING, DOGS HAVE STARTED TO CHASE DEER AGAIN.

LAST THURSDAY, WARDEN ROLAND TARR OF BLUE HILL RECEIVED A COMPLAINT OF DOGS CHASING DEER IN WEST SEDGWICK. WHEN HE ARRIVED IN THE AREA, HE NOTICED FRESH TRACKS IN A FIELD LEADING TO A LARGE CULVERT UNDER THE ROAD. WHEN HE STOPPED, HE NOTICED A DOG AT EACH END OF THE CULVERT, AND IN THE CULVERT WAS A DEER THAT HAD BEEN BADLY CHEWED BUT WAS STILL ALIVE. HE CAPTURED THE DOGS AND PUT THEM IN HIS CAR AND THE DEER RAN INTO THE WOODS BLEEDING VERY BADLY.

THE DOG OWNER WILL BE INVITED TO COURT THIS WEEK FOR ALLOWING HIS DOGS TO CHASE DEER.

A SNOWMOBILE DEALER IN ELLSWORTH GAVE A PUBLIC SNOWMOBILE PARTY AT GREEN LAKE LAST THURSDAY NIGHT AND APPROXIMATELY 300 SNOWMOBILES OF ALL MAKES AND DESCRIPTIONS WERE PRESENT.

FROM WARDEN EDWIN WUORI, AMHERST: CHECKING DEER WINTERING CONDITIONS. I CAN'T SEE ANY PROBLEM IN THIS AREA. SNOW DEPTHS RANGE FROM 10 OR 18 INCHES IN HEAVY GREEN GROWTH TO 27 INCHES IN OPEN GREEN GROWTH AND A MAXIMUM OF 42 INCHES IN OPEN HARDWOOD. THERE IS A HEAVY CRUST ABOUT MIDWAY, SO DEER AREN'T SINKING IN TO ANY APPRECIABLE DEPTH. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY PLACE WHERE THEY ARE CONFINED TO A YARD. THOUGH THEY ARE BUNCHED UP, THEY ARE ROAMING WHEREVER THEY PLEASE.

FROM WARDEN LEON GILPATRICK, BELFAST: IN CHECKING SOME OF MY DEER YARDS IN THE SEARSPORT & STOCKTON AREA, I FIND THAT THE DEER ARE GETTING ALONG WELL. THERE IS ABOUT TWO TO THREE FEET OF SNOW IN THE SOFT WOOD. THERE IS A CRUST UNDER THIS LAST BIG STORM THAT WE HAD SO THAT IS HOLDING THE DEER UP PRETTY GOOD AS LONG AS THE DOGS LEAVE THEM ALONE.

THE DEER ARE SINKING-IN ABOUT 12 TO 18 INCHES. THEY ARE QUITE A FEW SNOWMOBILE TRACKS ALL OVER THAT COUNTRY.

THERE IS SOME WOOD CUTTING GOING ON WHICH HELPS THE DEER A LOT.

WE HAVE MORE SNOW THIS YEAR THAN WE HAVE HAD BEFORE SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN THIS DISTRICT.

I TAGGED 54 BEAVER THIS YEAR FOR FIVE TRAPPERS. THEY TRAPPED ONLY ON WEEKENDS. A FEW YEARS BACK, I HAVE TAGGED THAT MANY FOR ONE TRAPPER.

ICE FISHING AT SWAN LAKE THIS YEAR HAS BEEN PRETTY POOR. I HAVE NOT

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CHECKED A TROUT OR A SALMON OUT OF THE LAKE THIS YEAR. THE CAMPS AT THE LAKE ARE IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE AFTER THE BIG STORM. I HAVE NOT FOUND ONE THAT HAS FALLEN IN FROM THE SNOW.

### FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, MARCH 17:

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, TEMPLE: THE DEER IN MY AREA WERE ONLY CONFINED ABOUT TWO DAYS AFTER THE BIG STORM. AFTER THAT, THEY STARTED MOVING. FIFTEEN INCHES IS THE MOST I HAVE FOUND THEM SINKING. FISHING HAS REALLY SLOWED DOWN WITH MOST OF THE FISH HOUSES OFF THE ICE NOW.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: THE SNOW SEEMS TO BE NEARLY AS DEEP AS EVER, EVERYWHERE, BUT THE TEXTURE OF IT HAS CHANGED DURING THE PAST WEEK. THE DEER ARE GOING OVER THE TOP OF IT AGAIN INSTEAD OF WALLOWING THROUGH IT.

### FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. 1, STOCKHOLM, MARCH 16:

WARDENS IN DIVISION 1 TAGGED A TOTAL OF 1,213 BEAVER THIS PAST SEASON AS AGAINST 715 A YEAR AGO.

RAY PORTER OF SHIN POND AND HIS ASSISTANT, DALE BATES, TRAPPED 374 IN THIS DIVISION, WITH THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE BEING TAKEN FROM WARDENS THOMAS'S AND CRABTREE'S DISTRICTS. THIS AMOUNT OF BEAVER TAKEN SHOULD HELP US ON NUISANCE COMPLAINTS NEXT SUMMER. ABOUT 100 WERE CAUGHT IN ONE TOWNSHIP WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSING US TO SPEND MANY HOURS ON BEAVER CONTROL.

PORTER AND BATES WERE NOT, IN ANY SENSE, PART TIME TRAPPERS. THEIR HOURS WERE LONG, AND CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF SNOW AND SLUSH, I THINK THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BEAVER TAKEN IN THIS DIVISION BY ANY TWO TRAPPERS THAT I CAN RECALL.

STERLING COOK, DAVIS SHAW, AND VICTOR MARTIN ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR OVER 100 MORE TAKEN FROM NUISANCE AREAS, MOSTLY IN THE FARMING COMMUNITIES.

THE DEER SITUATION IS STILL GOOD IN THE DIVISION. THEY ARE BREAKING OUT OF THEIR YARDING AREAS MORE AND MORE AS THE SNOW SETTLES.

I DO NOT RECALL A YEAR WHEN I HAVE RECEIVED MORE COMPLAINTS ON BOBCAT KILLINGS. WE HAD NINE REPORTED IN ONE WEEK WITHIN THREE DISTRICTS IN THE DIVISION. I RECEIVED A REPORT THAT SIX DEER WERE FOUND IN ONE YARD ON THE ARMSTRONG BROOK IN STOCKHOLM. T.16,R.4, AND T. 17, R. 4. ANOTHER PAIR WERE FOUND WITHIN 30 FEET OF ONE ANOTHER; BOTH WERE DOES.

WITH CEDAR BECOMING SO VALUABLE AND BEING CUT MORE AND MORE EACH YEAR, THE DEER ARE FORCED TO YARD IN MORE CONCENTRATED AREAS. THEREFORE, IT ALSO BECOMES A GOOD HOME FOR PREDATORS. THE LOCATION OF THESE AREAS WILL BE CHEERFULLY MADE KNOWN TO BOBCAT HUNTERS.

### FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, MARCH, 11:

WE HAVE HAD TWO INCIDENTS OF RUN-AWAY SNOW SLEDS RECENTLY. ONE, UPON BEING STARTED TOOK OFF DRIVERLESS UP A WOODS ROAD, AND FOLLOWED IT ABOUT 1½ MILES BEFORE CRASHING INTO A PULP TRUCK, WITH LITTLE DAMAGE. THE OTHER WENT ACROSS EAST GRAND LAKE.

I FOUND THREE DEER LAST WEEK WHICH HAD BEEN KILLED BY BOBCATS. FROM WARDEN LEONARD PELLETIER, JR, ENFIELD: WHILE CHECKING ONE OF MY DEER YARDS ON THE 3RD OF MARCH, I SAW A DEER THAT WAS 75 PER CENT WHITE. I WAS

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ABLE TO SNOW-SHOE UP TO IT AND TAKE SEVERAL PICTURES.

IT WAS UNABLE TO MANEUVER IN THE POWDERED SNOW WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET DEEP. IF CONDITIONS DON'T IMPROVE IN A WEEK OR SO, WE WILL LOSE ALOT OF SMALL DEER THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE THIS LONG.